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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Dubelsten *et al.*

Art Unit: 1732

Application No. 09/336,339

Filed: June 18, 1999

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR  
CONTINUOUS FORMATION OF  
COMPOSITES HAVING FILLER AND  
THERMOACTIVE MATERIALS, AND  
PRODUCTS MADE BY THE METHOD

Examiner: M. Vargot

Date: September 3, 2002

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Enclosed is an Amendment for the above application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

For	No. after amendment	No. paid for previously	Present Extra	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	-	*	= 8	\$18.00	\$144.00
Indep. Claims		**	= 1	\$84.00	\$ 84.00
Mult. Dep. Claims Fee (if not previously paid)				\$280.00	
One-month Extension of Time				\$110.00	\$110.00
Two-month Extension of Time				\$400.00	
Three-month Extension of Time				\$920.00	
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$338.00

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No additional fee is required.




Applicants petition for an extension of time for the number of months indicated above. If  
an additional extension of time is required please consider this a petition therefor.

- ☒ A Marked-up Version of Amended Claims Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.121(b)-(c) is attached.
- ☒ A Rule 132 Declaration by Mr. Schroeder is attached.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$338.00 is attached.
- ☒ Please charge any additional fees that may be required in connection with filing this amendment and any extension of time, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4550. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ Please return the enclosed postcard to confirm that the items listed above have been received.

Respectfully submitted,

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**AMENDMENT**

This responds to the non-final Office Action mailed May 3, 2002. Please amend the referenced application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 93 as follows.

*Sub D<sup>1</sup>*  
*B*  
93. (Twice Amended) A cellulosic and waste thermoplastic composite, comprising a first surface and a second surface, the composite having cellulosic fines adjacent the first and second surfaces, longer flakes adjacent the cellulosic fines and graduating to shorter flakes at a center portion of the product.

*B<sup>2</sup>*  
[Please add the following new claims.]

--168. (New) A cellulosic and thermoplastic composite, comprising a first and a second surface, the composite having longer cellulosic flakes adjacent the first and second surfaces, with

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